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Re: Ex Parte Communication in ET Docket No. 98-206; RM-9147; RM-9245; Applications of Broadwave USA et al., PDC Broadband Corporation, and Satellite Receivers, Ltd., to provide a fixed service in the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band; Requests of Broadwave USA et al. (DA 99-494), PDC Broadband Corporation (DA 00-1841), and Satellite Receivers, Ltd. (DA 00-2134) for Waiver of Part 101 Rules.

Dear Ms. Salas,

On April 18, 2001, Sophia Collier and Antoinette Cook Bush of Northpoint Technology, Ltd. ("Northpoint") and Michael Kellogg of this firm met with Commissioner Susan Ness and Mark Schneider, senior legal advisor to the Commissioner.

Also on April 18, 2001, Sophia Collier and Antoinette Cook Bush of Northpoint and Michael Kellogg and J.C. Rozendaal of this firm met with Jane Mago, Daniel Harrold, David Horowitz, and Louis Peraertz of the Office of the General Counsel.

The purpose of both meetings was to discuss the pending applications of Northpoint's Broadwave USA affiliates for licenses to provide terrestrial service in the 12 GHz band. Northpoint urged the Commission to act quickly in reaching a decision regarding its applications, in order that it can begin providing service that will bring real competition to the markets for MVPD and broadband Internet access. Northpoint also pointed out, as noted in its comments filed in ET Docket 98-206, that several congressional enactments require prompt action by the Commission on its license applications. Furthermore, Northpoint observed that it is the only company with a technology proven capable before the FCC of sharing the 12 GHz band ubiquitously with existing and planned satellite users. Accordingly, it is the only applicant technologically

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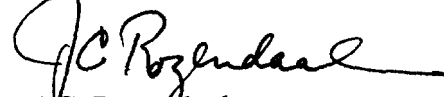
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qualified for a license, so the issue of mutual exclusivity of applications does not arise. Attached to this letter are copies of excerpts of certain statutes and of a conference report, which were distributed during the meetings.

Eighteen copies of this letter are enclosed – two for inclusion in each of the above-referenced files. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



J.C. Rozen daal

cc: Commissioner Susan Ness
Mr. Mark Schneider

Ms. Jane E. Mago
Mr. Daniel J. Harrold
Mr. David Horowitz
Mr. Louis Peraertz

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA AND OTHER ACTIVITIES CHARGEABLE IN WHOLE OR IN
PART AGAINST REVENUES OF SAID DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

OCTOBER 26 (legislative day, OCTOBER 25), 2000.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ISTOOK, from the committee of conference,
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 4942]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4942) “making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes”, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

Section 1. (a) The provisions of the following bills of the 106th Congress are hereby enacted into law:

(1) H.R. 5547, as introduced on October 25, 2000.

(2) H.R. 5548, as introduced on October 25, 2000.

(b) In publishing this Act in slip form and in the United States Statutes at Large pursuant to section 112 of title 1, United States Code, the Archivist of the United States shall include after the date of approval at the end appendixes setting forth the texts of the bills referred to in subsection (a) of this section.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes a total of \$230,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), instead of \$207,909,000 as provided in the House bill, and \$237,188,000 as proposed in the Senate-reported amendment. Of the amounts provided, \$200,146,000 is to be derived from offsetting fee collections, as provided in both the House bill and the Senate-reported amendment, resulting in a net direct appropriation of \$29,854,000, instead of \$7,763,000 included in the House bill, and \$37,042,000 included in the Senate-reported amendment. Receipts in excess of \$200,146,000 shall remain available until expended but shall not be available for obligation until October 1, 2001.

The conference agreement directs the Commission to submit, no later than December 15, 2000, a financial plan proposing a distribution of all the funds in this account, subject to the reprogramming requirements under section 605 of this Act.

From within the funds provided, the FCC is urged to support public safety, emergency preparedness and telecommunications functions of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

The Senate report included language on public broadcasting stations' access to spectrum. The House included no similar language. The FCC is examining this issue, which is also pending in the Court of Appeals. The conference agreement reflects the belief that this issue can be resolved through the administrative or judicial process, so no legislative action is required at this time. The Chairman of the FCC should report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on any action the Commission takes on this issue by April 1, 2001.

The FCC shall take all actions necessary to complete the processing of applications for licenses or other authorizations for facilities that would provide services covered by the Satellite Home Viewers Improvement Act (Public Law 106-113, 113 Stat. 1501), specifically to deliver multi-channel video services including all local broadcast television station signals and broadband services in unserved and underserved local television markets by November 29, 2000, as required by Public Law 106-113, 113 Stat. 1501.

The Senate report language with respect to a broadcast industry code of conduct for the content of programming is incorporated by reference.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$15,500,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Maritime Commission, instead of \$14,097,000 as proposed in the House bill and \$16,222,000 as proposed in the Senate-reported amendment.

PUBLIC LAW 106-553—DEC. 21, 2000

FEDERAL FUNDING, FISCAL YEAR 2001

*Public Law 106-553
106th Congress

An Act

Dec. 21, 2000
[H.R. 4942]

Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Incorporation by
reference.
Repealed.

SECTION 1. (a) The provisions of the following bills of the 106th Congress are hereby enacted into law:

(1) H.R. 5547, as introduced on October 25, 2000.

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Approved December 21, 2000.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 4942 (S. 3041):

HOUSE REPORTS: Nos. 106-786 (Comm. on Appropriations) and 106-1005 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 106-409 accompanying S. 3041 (Comm. on Appropriations).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 146 (2000):

July 26, Sept. 14, considered and passed House.

Sept. 27, considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S. 3041.

Oct. 26, House agreed to conference report.

Oct. 27, Senate agreed to conference report.

*ENDNOTE: The following appendixes were added pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of this Act. Appendix A was repealed and deemed never to have been enacted by section 406 of Public Law 106-554 (114 Stat. 2763A-189).



(2) NONSERVED AREA.—The term “nonserved area” means any area that—

(A) is outside the grade B contour (as determined using standards employed by the Federal Communications Commission) of the local television broadcast signals serving a particular designated market area; and

(B) does not have access to such signals by any commercial, for profit, multichannel video provider.

(3) UNDERSERVED AREA.—The term “underserved area” means any area that—

(A) is outside the grade A contour (as determined using standards employed by the Federal Communications Commission) of the local television broadcast signals serving a particular designated market area; and

(B) has access to local television broadcast signals from not more than one commercial, for-profit multichannel video provider.

(4) COMMON TERMS.—Except as provided in paragraphs (1) through (3), any term used in this Act that is defined in the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) has the meaning given that term in the Communications Act of 1934.

SEC. 1011. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) COST OF LOAN GUARANTEES.—For the cost of the loans guaranteed under this Act, including the cost of modifying the loans, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661(a)), there are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2001 through 2006, such amounts as may be necessary.

(b) COST OF ADMINISTRATION.—There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, other than to cover costs under subsection (a).

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorizations of appropriations in subsections (a) and (b) shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 1012. PREVENTION OF INTERFERENCE TO DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE SERVICES.

(a) TESTING FOR HARMFUL INTERFERENCE.—The Federal Communications Commission shall provide for an independent technical demonstration of any terrestrial service technology proposed by any entity that has filed an application to provide terrestrial service in the direct broadcast satellite frequency band to determine whether the terrestrial service technology proposed to be provided by that entity will cause harmful interference to any direct broadcast satellite service.

(b) TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATION.—In order to satisfy the requirement of subsection (a) for any pending application, the Commission shall select an engineering firm or other qualified entity independent of any interested party based on a recommendation made by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), or a similar independent professional organization, to perform the technical demonstration or analysis. The demonstration shall be concluded within 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and shall be subject to public notice and comment for not more than 30 days thereafter.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

(1) DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE FREQUENCY BAND.—The term “direct broadcast satellite frequency band” means the band of frequencies at 12.2 to 12.7 gigahertz.

(2) DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE SERVICE.—The term “direct broadcast satellite service” means any direct broadcast satellite system operating in the direct broadcast satellite frequency band.

TITLE XI—ENCOURAGING IMMIGRANT FAMILY REUNIFICATION

SEC. 1101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as—

- (1) the “Legal Immigration Family Equity Act”; or
- (2) the “LIFE Act”.

SEC. 1102. NONIMMIGRANT STATUS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF PERMANENT RESIDENTS AWAITING THE AVAILABILITY OF AN IMMIGRANT VISA; PROVISIONS AFFECTING SUBSE- QUENT ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR SUCH NON- IMMIGRANTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (T), by striking “or” at the end;
- (2) in subparagraph (U), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following:

“(V) subject to section 214(o), an alien who is the beneficiary (including a child of the principal alien, if eligible to receive a visa under section 203(d)) of a petition to accord a status under section 203(a)(2)(A) that was filed with the Attorney General under section 204 on or before the date of the enactment of the Legal Immigration Family Equity Act, if—

“(i) such petition has been pending for 3 years or more; or

“(ii) such petition has been approved, 3 years or more have elapsed since such filing date, and—

“(I) an immigrant visa is not immediately available to the alien because of a waiting list of applicants for visas under section 203(a)(2)(A); or

“(II) the alien’s application for an immigrant visa, or the alien’s application for adjustment of status under section 245, pursuant to the approval of such petition, remains pending.

(b) PROVISIONS AFFECTING NONIMMIGRANT STATUS.—Section 214 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(o)(1) In the case of a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(V)—

“(A) the Attorney General shall authorize the alien to engage in employment in the United States during the period of authorized admission and shall provide the alien with an ‘employment authorized’ endorsement or other appropriate document signifying authorization of employment; and

Public Law 106-113
106th Congress

An Act

Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000,
and for other purposes.

Nov. 29, 1999

[H.R. 3194]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the several departments, agencies, corporations and other organizational units of the Government for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, namely:

DIVISION A

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

TITLE I—FISCAL YEAR 2000 APPROPRIATIONS

FEDERAL FUNDS

District of
Columbia
Appropriations
Act, 1999.

FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR RESIDENT TUITION SUPPORT

For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia for a program to be administered by the Mayor for District of Columbia resident tuition support, subject to the enactment of authorizing legislation for such program by Congress, \$17,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such funds may be used on behalf of eligible District of Columbia residents to pay an amount based upon the difference between in-State and out-of-State tuition at public institutions of higher education, usable at both public and private institutions of higher education: *Provided further*, That the awarding of such funds may be prioritized on the basis of a resident's academic merit and such other factors as may be authorized: *Provided further*, That if the authorized program is a nationwide program, the Mayor may expend up to \$17,000,000: *Provided further*, That if the authorized program is for a limited number of States, the Mayor may expend up to \$11,000,000: *Provided further*, That the District of Columbia may expend funds other than the funds provided under this heading, including local tax revenues and contributions, to support such program.

FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR INCENTIVES FOR ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia to create incentives to promote the adoption of children in the District of Columbia foster care system, \$5,000,000: *Provided*, That such funds shall remain available until September 30, 2001 and shall be used

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “programming” and all that follows through “a work” and inserting “a performance or display of a work embodied in a primary transmission made by a network station”;

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by inserting “a performance or display of a work embodied in” after “by a satellite carrier of”; and

(ii) by striking “and embodying a performance or display of a work”; and

(D) in paragraph (6)—

(i) by inserting “performance or display of a work embodied in” after “by a satellite carrier of”; and

(ii) by striking “and embodying a performance or display of a work”.

(3) Section 501(e) of title 17, United States Code, is amended by striking “primary transmission embodying the performance or display of a work” and inserting “performance or display of a work embodied in a primary transmission”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 119(a)(2)(C) of title 17, United States Code, is amended in the first sentence by striking “currently”.

(d) WORK MADE FOR HIRE.—Section 101 of title 17, United States Code, is amended in the definition relating to work for hire in paragraph (2) by inserting “as a sound recording,” after “audiovisual work”.

SEC. 1012. EFFECTIVE DATES.

Sections 1001, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, and 1011 (and the amendments made by such sections) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act. The amendments made by sections 1002, 1004, and 1006 shall be effective as of July 1, 1999.

TITLE II—RURAL LOCAL TELEVISION SIGNALS

SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act”.

SEC. 2002. LOCAL TELEVISION SERVICE IN UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED MARKETS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission (“the Commission”) shall take all actions necessary to make a determination regarding licenses or other authorizations for facilities that will utilize, for delivering local broadcast television station signals to satellite television subscribers in unserved and underserved local television markets, spectrum otherwise allocated to commercial use.

(b) RULES.—

(1) FORM OF BUSINESS.—To the extent not inconsistent with the Communications Act of 1934 and the Commission’s rules, the Commission shall permit applicants under subsection

(a) to engage in partnerships, joint ventures, and similar operating arrangements for the purpose of carrying out subsection (a).

(2) HARMFUL INTERFERENCE.—The Commission shall ensure that no facility licensed or authorized under subsection (a) causes harmful interference to the primary users of that spectrum or to public safety spectrum use.

(3) LIMITATION ON COMMISSION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Commission may not restrict any entity granted a license or other authorization under subsection (a) from using any reasonable compression, reformatting, or other technology.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2001, the Commission shall report to the Agriculture, Appropriations, and the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the House of Representatives Committee on Commerce, on the extent to which licenses and other authorizations under subsection (a) have facilitated the delivery of local signals to satellite television subscribers in unserved and underserved local television markets. The report shall include—

(1) an analysis of the extent to which local signals are being provided by direct-to-home satellite television providers and by other multichannel video program distributors;

(2) an enumeration of the technical, economic, and other impediments each type of multichannel video programming distributor has encountered; and

(3) recommendations for specific measures to facilitate the provision of local signals to subscribers in unserved and underserved markets by direct-to-home satellite television providers and by other distributors of multichannel video programming service.

TITLE III—TRADEMARK CYBERPIRACY PREVENTION

SEC. 3001. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the “Anticybersquatting Consumer Protection Act”.

(b) REFERENCES TO THE TRADEMARK ACT OF 1946.—Any reference in this title to the Trademark Act of 1946 shall be a reference to the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, to carry out the provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes”, approved July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.).

SEC. 3002. CYBERPIRACY PREVENTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 43 of the Trademark Act of 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1125) is amended by inserting at the end the following:

“(d)(1)(A) A person shall be liable in a civil action by the owner of a mark, including a personal name which is protected as a mark under this section, if, without regard to the goods or services of the parties, that person—

“(i) has a bad faith intent to profit from that mark, including a personal name which is protected as a mark under this section; and

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Shannon Thrash, hereby certify that on this 19th day of April, 2001, copies of the foregoing were served by hand delivery* or first class United States mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

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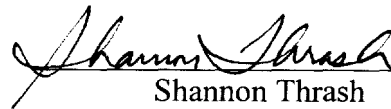
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